



The Fifth Annual AHATA Environmental Committee Art Competition opened this week at the Biblioteca Nacional

If you wish to gasp in wonder at creativity at its best, then get yourself over to the National Library in Oranjestad tomorrow or to the library in San Nicolas next week, because this display of trash turned to treasure is not to be missed!

The annual competition held by the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Authority (AHATA) is in its fifth year, and it never ceases to amaze how innovative and resourceful individuals can be in recycling refuse in to something beautiful and often useful. Some of the most interesting entries in this year's competition come from the various hotels, especially those that are concerned with environmental issues.

The employees of the Divi Phoenix Resort have produced some particularly attractive pieces, as have the artists at the Bucuti Beach Resort. Taking the time and effort to collect the waste products, and then make them into a work of art is an admirable pursuit. The exposition at the library shows that participants in the competition have done their work admirably, whether individuals or group projects, the observer will find not only exceptional beauty, but pieces that amuse with their whimsical touch.

Tomorrow is the last day for the exposition at the Oranjestad Library, and then it is off to San Nicolas for this year's collection. Prizes for the best works in various categories will be awarded there on the last day of the expo, which is Friday, May 19th. This year, one will also find two members of the Environmental Committee on hand to explain some of the displays and efforts being made to clean up the island, and how you can help. There is a community clean up planned for next month, and the committee will have containers for dumping refuse stationed on Saturday on the island so everyone can take advantage of the opportunity to clean up their yard and get rid of their refuse not only for FREE, but without having to make the trip to the landfill. Keep watching the newspapers for more information about this event.

For those that wish to take in the exhibition, or to participate in the AHATA Environmental Committee's efforts contact Astrid Muller at #586-6606 ext. 7027 or Doris Dreischor at the Bucuti Beach Resort, #583-1100.